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Dear Jeff,

I supose your silence after I sent ~~to~~ you my butchered Case Open is an answer. But as an old friend I write you in confidence about my next book, due next month, has . I say next but it was finished before Xmas of 1992. I'd expected it to appear by the middle of 1993. I've no meaningful explanation for the long sit on it but there is nothing I can do about that. They even omitted the subtitle on the cover. They've agreed to restore it on the title page and for Library of Congress listings.

I used the series of incredibly incompetent and dishonest articles JAMA ran in 1992 as a skeleton I could flesh out in part from what was not new but little known and in part with what is shockingly new. The page from the catalogue refers to "conspiracy" in a way that does not indicate what the books says.

It begins by carrying the Katzenbach memo to Bill Moyers dated three days after the assassination but actually written the day before, 11/24, soon after Oswald was killed, forward as has never been done. If you have not seen or have forgotten that memo, and it did not get much attention, as soon as Katzenbach knew that with Oswald dead there would be no trial he wrote the memo in which he says that the important thing to do is convince the people that Oswald was the lone assassin and that the evidence was such he would have been convicted at trial. The actual evidence is to the exact contrary but as of that day he wrote that memo he did not know what the evidence would be. There had not been anything that could have been called an investigation.

Katzenbach discussed it with Hoover and apparently got his agreement to that part of his memo I'm confident he did not even indicate to Hoover the proposal with which it ends, for the appointment of a Presidential commission. If you've forgotten, Katzenbach was then deputy AG. Number 2 man in Justice.

I also have and used the Secret Service logs of LBJ's phone calls befire he was in the White House. They reflect that that Sunday night, 11/24, before JFK was buried, Moyers phoned Johnson about 9, Johnson then called Hoover at 9:05 and then Katzenbach at 9:10. I do not believe LBJ made those ~~scores~~ calls to learn bow the Oilers ~~of~~ of the Coyboys games turned out.

In somehat more detail I refer to this as a de facto conspiracy not to investigate the crime itself. And it was not ever officially investigated. All sorts of irrelevancies were investigated, all that could be done to make Oswald appear to be guilty was done, but there was no investigation of the crime itself. If 75-80% had not been edited out of Case Open there would be a better understanding ~~to~~ of what the actual evidence says and means. It actually proves not only that Oswald did not commit the crime. It proves that he could not have- and that officialdom, the source of all I use - was well aware of it.

More starkly, this means that LBJ, who became President by virtue of that assassination, agreed that there would be no real investigation of how he became President.

I also prove that the chief prosector, then Navy Commander James J. Humes, the Navy hospital chief of pathology, was a deliberate perjurer several times, several different perjuries. One perjury has to do with what he destroyed of the autopsy records before he handed the final version in. He did that late Sunday afternoon, 11/24. The other has to do with what is pivotal in the official mythology, when he spoke to the Dallas doctor who performed the tracheostomy, Malcolm Perry, and what if anything Perry told him.

Before the Warren Commission Humes was, I believed, truthful in testifying that what he destroyed, as though anything at all should have been destroyed, was the first draft of his autopsy report. He also testified, with the media ignoring it, that he did this after he knew Oswald had been killed. Or that there would not be any trial at which he and his autopsy proctocol would be examined and cross examined.

After I set this forth, with the proofs, in Post Mortem, in 1975, when Humes testified several years later it was no secret, as again Post Mortem proved, that his autopsy notes no longer exist. I repeat much of this in NEVER AGAIN! So, when Humes testified before the House assassins committee, he swore that it was his notes that he destroyed. But I happens that I have a series of receipts for those notes and I published them in facsimile in Post Mortem. Which the House assassins had. In fact Specter had them in his hand when he questioned Humes. He then identified the Commission file in which they were and the exhibit in which they would be published. They are not in that file and they were not published in that exhibit. To eliminate any weasel track Humes could take I had a count of the facts stated in the proctocol for which there is no source in any record, published or not. A large number of them in fact, with many numbers, like measurements, distances, weights, etc.

The notes meet the materiality test. Humes was under oath when he contradicted himself. Or he proves he perjured himself.

When he spoke to Perry is quite material for a number of reasons. One is that Humes claimed that when he did the autopsy he was not aware that there was a bullet hole in the front of the President's neck. Another is whether he told Perry anything at all about what his proctocol would say. Humes also swore that he spoke to Perry only once, that Perry did not tell him anything at all other than that he had done the tracheostomy, and both are lies. Moreover, what Perry had alreasy said at a press conference that was reported in all the media is that the shot in the front of the President's neck was from the front. I have that transcript. He said it three times in response to questions. And the Wash. Post story reporting it Humes actually used in his proctocol.

Humes in fact phoned Perry from the autopsy room before he finished with the body. The House assassins had testimony of this, sworn testimony, by a doctor the Commission

and the House assassins did not take testimony from, the the House assassins by them or to be published. They had their medical panel take secret testimony that was suppressed from the autopsy radiologist. I have that transcript. He says that Humes in his presence phoned Perry after 10 the night of the assassination and before 11. The Commission's evidence is that he spoke to Perry at least twice. Other indication are he could have spoken to Perry more often. Perry had the chief of neurosurgery handle the already scheduled next day's press conference because as he told that doctor, Kemp Clark, Humes had told him what the autopsy would say and he did not want to get into that.

Hairy stuff, this being the autopsy on a President-who had been assassinated?

There is more that is entirely new. For example, the doctor who was the army's top expert on such matters was not called as a Commission witness once Specter and others, including the autopsy prosectors and the FBI and others on the Commission staff, knew what he would testify to: that going back to the Civil War it is a known medical fact that no bullet could have caused the damage to Connally's wrist alone without being mutilated, as that magic bullet was not. Specter accepted his offer to go back to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and do those tests. They confirm him. Spectsr never spoke to him after that one time (which I brought to light without all these details in Post Mortem. He was never a Commission witness. Nor did the House assassins call him.

He was to have been called in as the expert on all gunshot wounds of VIPs. But the President was no such VIP. The army did not send him or consult him.

There is what I think is a nice human interest story on this.

A Univ. of Md. Communications major, working on his master's thesis, looked me up. His thesis was to be an assassination documentary. I helped him all I could. Do not misunderstand this. He did his own work and he did it so exceptionally well he won the highest award for documntaries in the history category with it, CINE's Golden Eagle. He was broke and in debt. When he travelled to interview he had to sleep in his car. His profs figured oh, well, more of that assassination crap, so he got their oldest and poorest equipment. So bad he had to come here twice and was unhappy with what he had the third time, which is what he used. I told him where to find that doctor, he drove there and interviewed him, sound and video. He could use only a lttile of the interview in his documentary. He gave me the transcript and I use that.

When my publisher ~~did not respond when~~ and suggested that he hold a press conference because travel is too dangerous for me and use pictures and documents he did not even respond. So, I'm making my own arrangements for a different proxy press conference, this young man and the lawyer who handled all my FOIA lawsuits, in the lawyer's Washington office. For the first time anywhere that transcript will be available to the media in my book and they'll see the doctor saying it in the video of the interview. The parts used will be dubbed separately to save time for those at the press conference, but the full interview will be there.

There will also be copies of official pictures that were suppressed, were exceptionally relevant, and substantiate what I indicate above. Those I published in Post Mortem were ignored by all the media. I also used them in FOIA litigation without a peep from the government. We have the negtives from the litigation so we can get them printed to give away easily.

I'm hope that the competitive situation of a press conference may help overcome the shibboleth media attitude toward the subject.

There was once a time when what I've indicated, which is not all that is in the book, would have been considered hot news. That time seems to have ended with JFK's end.

And all my information is the suppressed official information. Even that doctor was a career Army man. I think he was then a colonal. He was officially involved in the Commission's inquiry and I have the Commission's records on that.

What was not suppressed but was merely ignored is other work done at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds that I go into in this book.

They got the country's best professional shooters from the NRA, all with the highest rating, "Master", and under vastly improved conditions, with the rifle overhauled and the sight shimmed so it could work, not one them could duplicate the shooting attributed the Oswald who was officialy rated by the Marines as "a rather 'poor shot.'"

I'm hoping the book appears when scheduled. If they keep their schedule it should be in the stores next month. When it is manufactured, going by the past they'll send me six of eight fairly soon and then, after all their other pressing needs are met, they'll send me a box.

Unless I hear from you that you have it as soon as I can I'll mail you one. Whether or not you can do anything with it.

We will not hold the press conference until we know the books are in the stores.

If you know any Philadelphia reporters, this book is overloaded with really important information on Specter, partly indicate above.

Best
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